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PRESS RELEASE

Public meeting scheduled to review enhancements for Community Playground at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park

WINTER PARK, FL (August 1, 2025) The [City of Winter Park](#) and its [Community Redevelopment Agency](#) (CRA) will host a community meeting **Tuesday, August 12, at 5:30 p.m.**, in the Winter Park Community Center located at 721 W. New England Ave. The purpose of this meeting is to conclude the conversation of how the city intends to keep the legacy of the [Community Playground at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park](#) (MLK, Jr. Park) intact while providing new features to the surrounding area.

These features were developed from public and stakeholder input received during public meetings held in 2022, 2023 and 2024, introducing necessary renovation and upgrades of the Community Playground, also known as Castle Park. As a result of extensive public process, the intent is to incorporate key elements of the existing park while cultivating a creative and exciting refresh, adding community amenities, splash pad, accessibility and safety improvements to bring the playground into compliance with today's standards.

In recent years, the city and CRA have worked to establish parameters for public engagement in the park, including an overall MLK, Jr. Park Master Plan approved by the CRA and City Commission which introduces investment in both active and passive areas. This includes the dedication of the Unity Corner which features a larger-than-life bronze statue that pays tribute to the life and legacy of Dr. King. This also incorporates new fields, courts and lighting to the park overall. The opening of the [Winter Park Library & Events Center](#) in 2021, also brought new life and purpose to this space supporting additional improvements.

For more information regarding the community meeting, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at [407-599-3357](tel:407-599-3357) or MLKParkReno@cityofwinterpark.org or access the project page at cityofwinterpark.org/mlk-project.

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